5. (Amended) A method for producing an optical recording medium which comprises at least a recording layer comprising an organic dye, a reflecting layer composed of a metal by a sputtering method, and a protective layer laminated in this order on a light-transmittable substrate, said method comprising the step of forming a thin film comprising silver as the major component and satisfying a relative intensity ratio of $I(200)/I(111) > 0.47$ when an X-ray diffraction intensity by a (111) plane is designated as I(111) and an X-ray diffraction intensity by a (200) plane is designated as I(200) in an X-ray diffraction spectrum measured by a θ-2θ method while an angle of incidence with reference to a surface of the light-transmittable substrate is set at θ, by controlling a sputtering gas pressure in a sputtering chamber in forming the reflecting layer by the sputtering method.

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6. (Amended) The method for producing an optical recording medium according to claim 5, wherein the sputtering gas pressure in the sputtering chamber is set within a range from a 0.23 to 0.73 Pa.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 5 and 6 are amended.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The claims are amended to obviate the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Uchiyama et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,329,351). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Uchiyama teaches an optical recording medium having a reflective layer made of a copper and silver alloy. More particularly, the optical recording medium includes a substrate, a recording layer on the substrate and a reflective layer on the recording layer. The reflective layer is a thin film of an alloy comprising copper from 5 atom% to less than 40 atom% of silver.

Claim 1 is directed to an optical recording medium that includes at least a recording layer comprising an organic dye, a reflecting layer composed of a metal and a